

HOWARD WOOD

Halloween was the decoration theme for the first fall meeting of the Howard Wood PTA on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 at the school. The flag ceremony was led by scouts Kimiye Takeuchi and Eilene Muranaka.

On the agenda was the approval of the group's budget. Mrs. Ivan Eckerley reported the membership drive has netted the unit over 400 members.

A brief convention report was given by the president, Mrs. P. M. Crossman, followed by the introduction of the executive board. R. D. Evans, principal, presented the teaching staff.

James Armstrong and Mrs. Leonard Babcock, led and played for a Community Sing, awaiting the arrival of the guest speaker, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business of the Torrance Unified Schools. He discussed the Special Election on Oct. 9 on the State Loan and Override Tax.

Mrs. William Dickson, program chairman, told about the November meeting at which time the problems facing the area with oil wells and pumps will be discussed.

The seventh and eighth grade mothers Mmes. James Frayne, Howard Kell, Custer Hawley, Samuel Martin, A. Weldy, David Foote, Robert Kelly, S. Takeuchi, and Norman Radi were hostesses for the evening, while teachers, Mrs. Geraldine Nelson and Mr. Armstrong poured.

Hubert Brier and Mrs. Perry won the attendance banners.

223rd Street

Their most recent venture, a paper and rag drive, 223rd St. School can call up as a success. Collected were 21,960 lbs. of paper and 890 lbs. of rags.

Bernard Bornstein's class won the prize for bringing in the most paper for the upper division.

Competition was hot and heavy between Mary Patterson's third graders and Helen Hausman's second graders. Judges finally decided it to be a draw. As a result the two classrooms will share their prize as joint winners for the lower division.

PTA members working on the drive were Mmes. Wayne H. Vinson, Gene LeRoy, Carl F. Laursen, Edward Kollmeyer, Donald King, Paul Kelso, Harry Hill, Charles Hamilton, David P. Goolsby, Michael DiMuro, Jack C. Cameron, Jay Carroll, Francis Anania, and Willis T. Albaugh.

A get acquainted meeting for room mothers was held Thursday morning by the 223rd St. School PTA. Purpose of this meeting was to familiarize the room mothers with their duties.

One of the principal duties of a room mother is to help mothers of each room of get acquainted and to encourage attendance at PTA meetings. Room mothers are also called upon for various ways and means activities.

The PTA with the room mothers help is now making final plans for the Halloween festival to be held the afternoon of Oct. 3.

Room mothers may attend executive board meetings to offer their ideas and suggestions concerning PTA business, BUT they do not have any vote on any matter until they are ratified as a board member, stated Mrs. David Goolsby, president.

Mrs. Jack C. Cameron and Mrs. Michael DiMuro are room mother representatives.

223rd Street

Guest speaker, Miss Mary Frances Martin, supervisor of special elementary education for exceptional children, explained needs of those children who require special training at the October meeting of the 223rd Street PTA.

A film entitled "A Day at Washington Blvd. School," was shown.

This was the first of eight programs arranged by Mrs. Glenn Scribner, Lomita-San Pedro Council's exceptional child chairman. The second program on the exceptional child will be on "Special Education" Oct. 23, Bandini; "Emotionally Disturbed," Nov. 14, Barton Hill; "Mentally Retarded," Jan 10, Halldale.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Francis Anania, vice president, in the absence of the president, Mrs. David P. Goolsby.

Flag salute was led by three Brownies, Patricia Muth, Jo Anne Butler and Karen Bree from Troop 216 under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Bree.

Mrs. Elizabeth Danky, principal, announced that arrangements have been made for group pictures of each class to be made in the near future.

She also informed the parents that on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 1:30 p.m., the Halloween costume parade will be held. The PTA is planning a sale of baked goods for this occasion.

Mrs. Frank J. Berrier, legislation chairman reported on the school bond issues which will be on the ballot on the Nov. 6 election and as a PTA to support them.

Mrs. Gene LeRoy, community chest chairman appealed for more volunteers for this year's Chest campaign.

Mrs. LeRoy stated that the PTA Tenth District has been a member of the Community Chest family since the agencies joined together in 1924 for their first annual federated appeal.

Mrs. Anania announced the Lomita-San Pedro Council child welfare good deed project of the month will be to bring scraps of material, yarn, lace, buttons, and anything toys can be made of. These will be turned over to the Women's Prison on Terminal Island, who in turn make toys to be distributed at Christmas. Members are to bring these to the next board meeting, Monday, Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Soroptimists

Leonard DiMiceli spoke at the regular Monday luncheon meeting of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist Club held at a local restaurant and presided over by the club president, Mrs. Margaret Neff.

The Harbor Area attorney spoke on the subject of "Oil Conservation in California" (Proposition 4) which will be on the November ballot.

Mr. DiMiceli is a member of the Harbor, the Los Angeles, the California, and the American Bar Associations. He is an Elks Club member, past president of the San Pedro Lions Club, past president of the Inter-Service Council of San Pedro, first vice president of the Los Angeles Conference on Immigration and Citizenship, and an active member and officer of numerous political organizations.

Next week the speaker will be Dr. Fredric Ewens.

G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council will meet at the 186th Street on Oct. 26, with Mrs. William A. Blacker, president, presiding.

"A Finance Workshop" with a question and answer period has been planned with Mrs. Clyde Simpson, tenth district auditor, and Mrs. Charles Weddle, tenth district historian.

Mrs. Clyde Simpson is serving her second term as auditor for the tenth district and Mrs. Weddle served as treasurer for tenth district for two years prior to the office of historian. The coming event will be co-hosted by 186th Street PTA and Gardena Elementary

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ALUMNI MEETS

South Bay Chi Omega Alumni Assn. will hold its second meeting of the year on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Schneider, 2317 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach. Welfare activities for the coming year will be decided upon.

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